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(SBU) The Charge d'Affaires and Pol-Econ Chief delivered reftel points March 17 to Lyutha al-Mughairy, Office Director for Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi. Al-Mughairy had no substantive response. On March 24, Omani Minister for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi told the Ambassador that he believed the Omani ambassador to the Netherlands would represent Oman at the Dutch-hosted international conference on Afghanistan. The following day, March 25, the Dutch ambassador to Muscat told Pol-Econ Chief that he had recently received a call from al-Mughairy stating that Oman's ambassador in The Hague would attend the conference for the Sultanate, but adding that Sayyid Badr, who would be traveling in Europe that week, was considering making a quick stop at the event.

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